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SUBJ: 1974 SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

1. SEC. RIPLEY REQUIRES ASAP ASSESSMENT WHERE WE STAND ON
FOREIGN NATION PARTICIPATION IN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL 1974.
BICENTENNIAL FOLKLIFE FESTIVALS 1975/1976 WILL DEVELOP
FROM WHAT HAPPENS ON THE MALL THIS SUMMER.

2. YOU KNOW FROM CORRESPONDENCE/TELEGRAMS YOUR AND OTHER
EMBASSIES AWARENESS OPPORTUNITY FESTIVAL PRESENTS FOR
CELEBRATION OF "OLD WAYS IN NEW WORLD". THIS INVOLVES
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SMALL GROUPS OF ABOUT 15 WHO SING, DANCE OR SET UP CRAFT

WORKSHOPS IN WASHINGTON AND THEN SPEND TWO WEEKS IN U S
VISITING HOMES OF AMERICAN ETHNIC COUNTERPARTS.

3. BASIC FORMULA: PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS PAY ROUNDTRIP
AIR TRANSPORT TO/FROM U.S. PLUS LOST-TIME PAY FOR GROUP
MEMBERS IF THIS A FACTOR WHILE ON LEAVE. SMITHSONIAN
ASSUMES ALL COSTS OF GROUP IN U.S. HOST COUNTRY INTER-
NATIONAL AIRLINE OFTEN HELPFUL ON TRAVEL.

4. BELIEVE EACH CAO HAS FULL DETAILS OF PROGRAM. REQUEST
PRIORITY TELEGRAM RINZLER/SMITHSONIAN BY FEB 27 ON STATUS
HOST COUNTRY PLANS. NEED PREPARE CRITICAL REPORT ON INTER-
NATIONAL PARTICIPATION 1974 FOR EARLY MARCH REVIEW BY
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT ON ARTS AND A.R.B.A.

5. SMITHSONIAN EXPECTS 5 TO 10 COUNTRIES IN 1974. THEN TO
CONSOLIDATE WITH 20 TO 35 COUNTRIES IN 1975-1976. INCREAS-
INGLY CLEAR MANY GOVERNMENTS RESPONDING TO THIS AS MOST
UNIQUE ELEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S JULY 1973 "INVITATION
TO THE WORLD".

6. FOR BUCHAREST: RALPH RINZLER OF SMITHSONIAN WELCOMES
ON BEHALF RIPLEY ARRIVAL IN MARCH OF DR. MIHAI POP, ETH-
NOLOGY AND FOLKLORE SOCIETY. OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE HARRY BARNES AND ROMANIAN
EMBASSY MOST HELPFUL.

7. FYI: NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1974 ALSO UNDERWAY WITH SUCH COUNTRIES
AS YUGOSLAVIA, GREECE, NIGERIA, GHANA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA,
AND INDIA.
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